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1. The facilities which were being used as the main ammunition supply depot in Eger 4745N-2022E were originally built by the conquering Turks as fortifications. They were also used in World War I as an ammunition storage depot. Very few structures remain above the ground. Most of the facilities in current use were tunnels approximately 25-30 ft. below ground, consisting of four main arteries extending from a central point, varying in length from three or four meters to the length of a hangar, according to the guides of sightseeing tours of the old fortress. Stored in this underground space were rifle ammunition, rockets, AA shells, mortar shells. I never entered the actual storage tunnels See Annex A.
2. I saw heavy traffic in large GAZ 63 trucks entering and leaving the building Annex A, Point #1/ and I identified trucks as coming from the following locations:
 - a. Motorized infantry regiment, located in vicinity of Gyongyos, Hungary 4747N-1956E.

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- b. Heavy motorized infantry regiment, located in vicinity of Aszód, Hungary /4739N-1930E/.
- c. Motorized infantry regiment, located in vicinity of Jászberény, Hungary /4730N-1919E/.
- d. Heavy motorized regiment, located in vicinity of Hatvan, Hungary /4740N-1941E/.

I also recognized GAZ 63 type trucks from the ammunition and arms factory [] entering the building. I did not see the loads because of canvas covers. I observed freight cars being unloaded by soldiers from my camp and taken to this building by truck. I saw only the boxes, which were of various sizes -- some large enough to require two men to carry them. Although I recognized the boxes as ammunition cases, I could not determine the caliber of the contents. I never entered the building myself.

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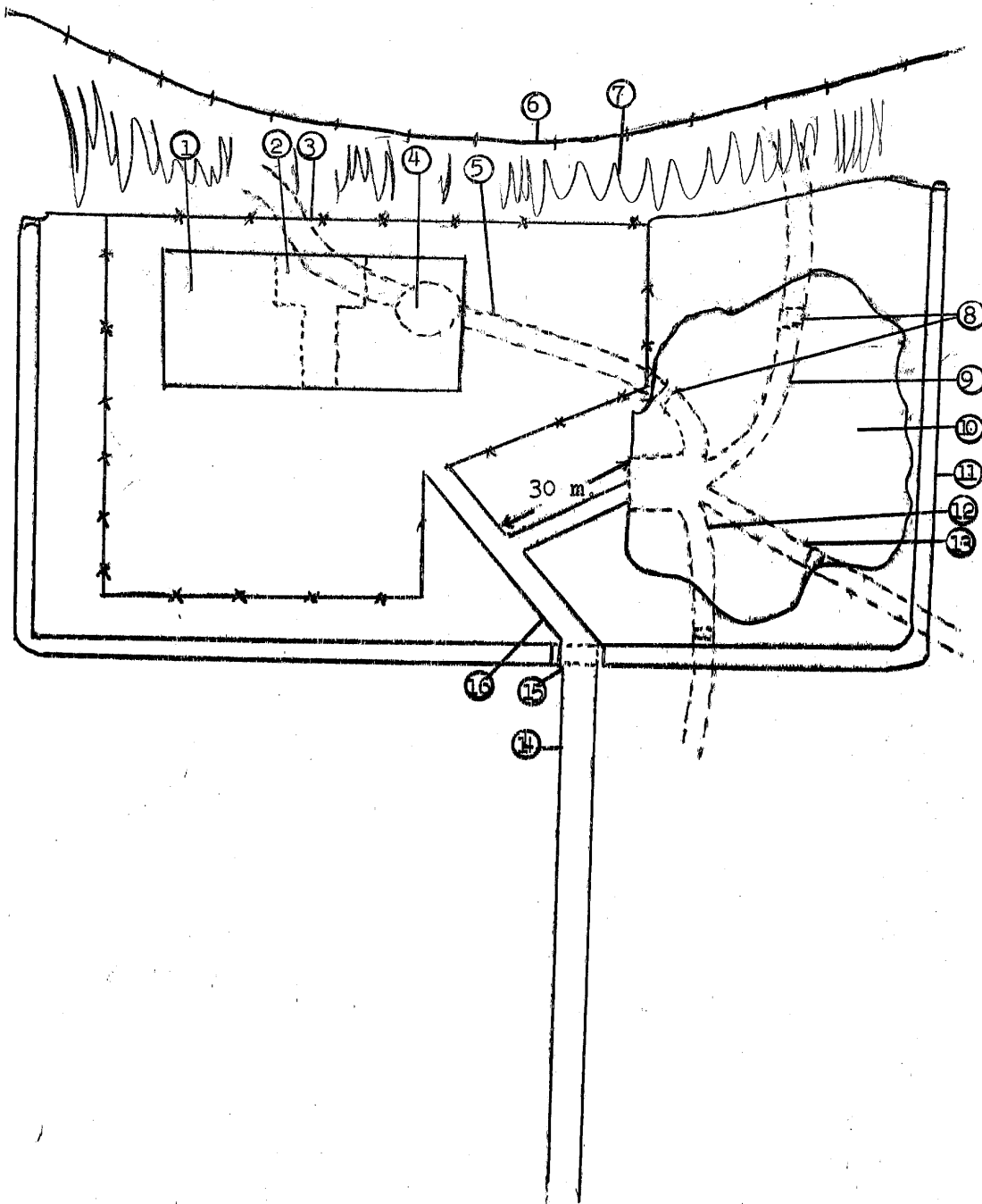
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Sketch of Ammunition Supply Depot in Eger

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Legend

1. Building, brick construction, gabled roof, two stories, rear windows, 20 m. long, 18 m. wide, 25 m. high. I believe the building was built in 1914-1916. I do not know exactly what type of ammunition was stored there but judging from boxes I saw loaded, it ranged from small arms shells to large artillery shells, hand grenades and dynamite. I was told by officers that this was the main storage for the area.
2. Archway and court, extending through width of building under second floor, both ends open. Large GAZ 63 trucks were able to drive in.
3. Fence, wire with three-strand barbed wire top three meters high, extending around the entire building.
4. Crater, caused by explosion before World War I. I believe the open crater now lies under the building and that this crater is being used as an entrance to the tunnel below.
5. Tunnel, 15-25 m. underground, well preserved, arched stone ceiling, dirt floors. I was told that this tunnel was being used for ammo storage.
6. Railroad, single track, from Eger station, tunnels north. Track sets lower than fortress. Secondary RR station 30 m. north on west side of track.
7. Slope, steep, drops off suddenly to RR tracks. Stone wall does not extend around this edge.
8. Blockade. This position of tunnel blocked by stone wall, built to keep civilian sightseers from going further. Other tunnels were similarly blocked as indicated.
9. Tunnel. I was told by guide that this artery extended 12-15 km., others were 3-4 km. in length. All were of varying depths and level with smaller tunnels branching off. This area surrounding Eger is well known for underground tunnels and fortresses.
10. Mound 50-60 m. higher than city of Eger, sod covered, with grave and monument on top.
11. Stone wall, 20 m. high, one meter thick, extends around three-fourths of area.
12. Tunnel, extending to the west -- blocked off after a short length because of unsafe condition of this portion of ceilings.
13. Tunnel, extending southwest, also blocked off.
14. Road, cobblestone, eight meters wide, leads to Eger.
15. Gate, archway through stone wall, no guards, open.
16. Road, crushed stone, four to five meters wide, leads into fenced area with a branch to tunnel entrance.

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